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Dr. Cochran and Rev. Dr. Gwin.
Let Even Handed Justice be Accorded to Both.

Editor Advertiser:

Year by year the fitness of Dr. Jerome Cochran for filling the position of state health officer becomes more evident. Since his faithful and correct work in Decatur, we all love him the more. Earnest prayers were constantly going up that he might be spared through the epidemic. We all felt comparatively safe from a general spread of the disease so long as this learned and watchful physician could retain his health. Hoping his example may be valuable to other men in public offices, indeed to all your readers, I will relate an incident told in my hearing by a gentleman from north Alabama. Becoming convinced that Mr. Spencer died of yellow fever, Dr. Cochran told the same. When some citizens of Decatur asserted "that it will never do to let that report go abroad, as it will injure Decatur," "I will do my duty, even if by so doing Decatur is wiped from the face of the earth," replied the sturdy officer. We need more public men actuated by such noble principles. Too many consult policy, not duty.

From the first outbreak of fever, Dr. Cochran met opposers on every side, but he remained until the icy fingers of winter had pressed the venom from the pestilence. He left Decatur with the blessings of a grateful people upon his head. Long will he live in the hearts of the citizens.

It is a pleasure to be able to record such words of commendation concerning this most useful man. But there was one thing in which he has caused many of his friends much pain, and that was his frequent thrusts at the Rev. Dr. Gwin, of New Decatur. The criticisms from so honest and honorable a man could only arise from a misapprehension of the real condition of affairs in New Decatur, and from a lack of acquaintance with the minister in question. The duties of Dr. Cochran only called him where there were actual cases of fever, or where there were suspicious cases, and as Old Decatur was the only point in which the fever developed, it is easy to suppose that he never even visited the many-sided new town, and could have only an imperfect knowledge of what was needed over there. Again, a man in his position is apt to have so many suggestions from men totally ignorant of the treatment of fever patients as to vex him and cause him to grow impatient and sometimes unintentionally to mistreat even men whose skill and advice is valuable. The public mind was greatly misled concerning Dr. Gwin by the repeated telegrams of Dr. Cochran to the world, that there was no fever in New Decatur, and intimating that they needed no aid. These messages were usually sent abroad just after Dr. Gwin and the mayor of New Decatur had asked help. Had we known nothing of this minister, we would have supposed him to be a man of narrow mind, ambitious to gain notoriety, and either destitute of judgment or greatly lacking in moral sensibilities. Let us briefly review the conditions surrounding New Decatur and inquire who this Dr. Gwin is.

It is needless to tell your readers that, though touching each other, Old and New Decatur are two separate towns, with separate mayors, councils, postoffices, etc., and with all the jealousies natural to such conditions, so that with suspicious eye each town watches the movements of the other. Dr. Cochran was directly associated with the board of health, mayor and council of Old Decatur, who would never, if possible, let New Decatur share any honors with them. Factories and various industries are scattered throughout both towns, but the major portion of the working people live in New Decatur. Nearly every industry shut down when the fever first appeared. Those parties who had money or friends near by got out of the two towns in haste. On the advice of Dr. Cochran the strictest isolation and the most rigid quarantine was at once put into effect. The world, almost, quarantined against Decatur, and they made no distinction between the two Decatur. Even the country people surrounding the towns had their own shotgun quarantines. A cordon of armed police watched these towns and allowed no visiting between these two places. From reliable information we learn there were hardly less than 2,000 souls, white and black, in New Decatur after the last car-load had been carried north. The dependence of these workmen for a living was on their daily wages. The fever was unexpected. They were different from most of their kind if they had more than a week's rations ahead. Having no work, from whence

could they obtain money? Having no money, where could they go? Being quarantined, how could they get out? Having no fever, not even a suspicious case, how could they hope for a visit from the state physician, so he would learn of their numbers and of their destitution? Why, then, was it presumption or unreasonable for two men like the mayor of New Decatur and Dr. Gwin to seek co-operation with the authorities of their sister town? Judging from the published statements, these representatives were treated with contempt, as those who were anxious to divide honors with the worthy, as those who would "set up a concern of their own." In this dilemma what was left for these gentlemen of New Decatur to do? Did duty suggest a visit to friends farther north? Manfully they stood by the people, dividing their last morsel and calling on others for help to feed the idle thousands. The points which seem to have been overlooked by Dr. Cochran were that sick and dying people can do without food better than the healthy, and that physically sound men, deprived of the means of making a living, must soon come to want. Now, who is Dr. Gwin? Has he a character worthy of confidence? Is he a man of any ability? Has his judgment been corrected and strengthened by experience? Does he need the fame that comes to one in sensational times?

Those who know this minister at once give the negative reply to our question. He is a Baptist preacher. He is a Southern man, whose every sympathy has been and still is with us. He is a native of Virginia. Is about forty-six years of age. He graduated at Richmond College before he was twenty-one years old. His ability as an educator was demonstrated early in life. He for some years served as pastor of the First Baptist church of Atlanta, Ga., the pulpit now occupied by our own learned and eloquent J. B. Hawthorne. For eight years he preached with great acceptability to the congregation of the First Baptist church of Montgomery. He has been for many years a member of the board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky. He is now the pastor of the Baptist church at Decatur, and is thoroughly endorsed by the State Mission Board of the Alabama Baptist state convention, a board composed of some of the best business men of the state. While living in Montgomery his mettle, his devotion to duty, his judgment of men and things, were weighed and not found wanting during a terrible scourge of fever. He was not in Decatur when the fever developed, but feeling that many of his congregation could not leave, and that his experience would prove helpful, he at once returned. Men may not appreciate the services he rendered, but that God who seeth in secret will reward him.

This article has not been written in any ill feeling to Dr. Cochran, but to state a condition of circumstances with which he surely must have been unacquainted, and to defend the character of a man whose motives are held in suspicion.

The graves of Drs. Black, Young, Gill, Williams, and other noble men and women, so cruelly swept away by the hand of disease, admonish us that there should be no heart burnings, but honor to whom honor is due, and underneath all a sincere thanksgiving to God that the plague has been stayed.

C. W. HARE.
Montgomery, Ala.

False Teaching.

It is truly painful to see the result of false teaching in our churches during the revival seasons, and it is still more painful to the poor pastor to contend with the element misinstructed, who, under such instruction, have embraced a false hope. The observing pastor sees and feels more than any one else the great damage done to the cause of the Master by misinstruction; he takes charge of a church and soon finds that his work is not appreciated by a part of the church, as they are opposed to every effort he makes to advance the cause. Some have the boldness to speak out in conference against it, others are more private in their opposition, and a third class say nothing and act the same way, while the fourth class do not attend church at all. The pastor begins to reason with himself about the cause of all this, and is forced to the conclusion that they have been deceived. Somebody is responsible for this state of things in our churches. Let us all inquire, "Is it I?" Let us be clear of every man's blood (life) in the great day of accounts. Let us remember Paul's teaching, Rom. 1: 16. More anon. J. I. STOCKTON.
Hartselle, Ala.

Several Things.

I am particularly gratified at the appointment of Rev. F. C. Plaster as theological lecturer to the colored preachers of the state. He is a man of ripe wisdom and of extensive knowledge of the Word of God. He will bring to his work in this new sphere a consecrated heart and a profound sympathy for "the brother in black." I trust our brethren will extend to him all the sympathy and aid which he deserves as he goes here and there upon his arduous work through the state. If there is a man in Alabama engaged in a nobler work I do not know it. God bless him in his labors.

Our numbers are still increasing. We have enrolled one hundred and twenty-one students. Assurances that many others will come to us after January 1st are quite gratifying. The students are enthusiastic in the prosecution of their work. They are being well cared for—well fed and well worked. They expect to begin the publication of a college paper on January 1st. Friends will confer a favor by subscribing for the *Collegian*. It will be a monthly, and will be sent to any address at seventy-five cents a year. Subscriptions should be sent to my address.

We hear of excellent Baptist families that contemplate removing to East Lake, or in the neighborhood of the college for the purpose of educating their sons. It is an excellent idea. Lands may be gotten at reasonable rates within a short distance of the college, and pursuits may be entered upon that will enable a parent to educate his children at small cost. If there is a better community in Alabama than East Lake, I am not familiar with it.

I most respectfully, but most earnestly, beg brethren who have been appointed by the Ministerial Board, at Montgomery, to lecture to our students, to indicate to me by note whether or not they expect to meet their appointments.

Should we know certainly that a brother is coming, we could easily secure a large audience. We are at a loss to know whether or not the brethren intend to regard seriously their appointments, as some have greatly disappointed us by neither writing nor coming.

Our new preachers, Hale and McGaha, are awakening great interest in the churches to which they have been called. Bro. McGaha is now worshipping in his handsome, spacious church near the college. It is a beauty.

The workmen are still engaged upon the foundation of the new main building of the college. It will be an immense and commodious building when completed. How sad we are to hear of the destruction of the Judson!

B. F. RILEY.

Church Letters.

After reading Bro. Lyon's thoughtful paper on church letters, issue 22d November, the evils and the remedy, I'd like to suggest some remedies for the evil.

1st. Don't grant so many. Many Baptists think they have a right to demand a letter of dismission whenever they desire, if in good standing. This is a great mistake. This privilege is not in the bill of rights. It is not in the Book. The Master never authorized a term of service less than life, and the executives of Jesus-Christ are acting outside of the record when they admit such a right. Correct this mistake and the evil is greatly lessened.

2nd. When a letter of dismission is requested, know the reason therefor. If the member expects to leave the vicinity and it will be more convenient to attend some other church, that is satisfactory. (I speak only of members in good standing.) If there are several churches in the same community and a member can be more useful elsewhere, that, of course, is equally satisfactory. But if the reason be to shirk Christian duty, or to free oneself from church obligations, or to avoid discipline, or fraternal watchcare, the application should be denied. To firmly, yet lovingly, insist upon this rule will avoid much of the evil.

3rd. Require, when practical, the name of the church with which the applicant expects to unite, and address the letter to that particular church. This will aid, in some measure, in remedying the evil, especially if the church addressed is advised by the pastor or the clerk that such a letter has been granted.

4th. Limit the letter to six months. This will aid somewhat, if the churches to whom expired letters are presented require a satisfactory reason for delay in presentation.

M. G. HUDSON.

On the Road.

Yes, Daleville is a good little town in a good country. They want a rail road, and they need it, too. A road could be built at a small cost from Ozark to Geneva, and would develop some of the best level pine lands in Alabama. The Baptists and Methodists have churches here, and preaching, each, once a month. Bro. Blizard has preached for our people the past year, and they have called him again. He lives ten miles away, at Haw Ridge. On account of the difficulty of getting conveyance, we did not see him, but we shall expect him to do a great deal for us by putting the paper into the hands of his people. Let me say, right here, it pays every pastor to put the paper in each home. The development of the churches in all lines of Christian activity is sure to result from a faithful reading of our state denominational paper. This is what knowing pastors tell us from their own experience. Bro. Gullede is as busy a man as we have ever met, but does not neglect his religious duties. He will take the paper, and has promised to work up a good list. We shall always remember his kindness in assisting us. Bro. Hughes is a fine man, and has recently begun regular work. He will also take the BAPTIST, and do all in his power to work it up in his churches. We met Bro. Graves and other brethren whom we would like to mention. Bro. Bullard is a Baptist preacher who did not take our paper, but as we told him we could not let him off, and Bro. J. F. Pouncey and young Bro. B. offered to pay fifty cents each, we put down another preacher to help us carry on the good work. Brethren Pouncey and others from Claybathie, came up to vote, and so we got to see them without having to extend our trip farther down this beautiful pine country. We heard that Bro. Underwood passed through, recently, on his way to Geneva, and did some good work for the BAPTIST. Wouldn't we have a fine list of subscribers if every Baptist preacher in Alabama would only "go and do likewise?" But we must leave Daleville and her good people, and off we go to

NEWTON.

Bro. Gullede carried us in a buggy four miles and then transferred us to Bro. Marchman, a whole-souled Baptist, and for eleven years the tax assessor of Dale county. It was a treat to ride through such a country and with such a man. He left his right arm on the battle-field as a mark of his devotion to his country. Noble heroes these men, who, though mutilated in body and deprived of worldly goods, have toiled on faithfully through years of adversity till now they can see the dawn of a brighter day, and reap the rewards of an honorable service for God and their country! But, let other and able writers pay the deserved tribute to the character of such worthy men. We must go on. At last we cross a large, clear stream, with high banks, and drive up a long clay hill, and then we call it Newton. Brethren Callaway were the first we met, and after a short talk we started off to see our old friend and former tutor, Prof. W. U. Acree, a good Methodist, who, for five years, had charge of Verbena Academy, in Chilton county. He was off on a collecting tour, and we could not see him, but Mrs. Acree and her mother, Mrs. Oliver, soon made us feel at home. Brethren Jones love the paper, and gave us a kind welcome. Bro. B. T. Jones has his hands full with his churches, and says the BAPTIST helps him in his work. Bro. P. M. Callaway is what our Methodist brethren call superannuated, but to us he appeared twenty years younger. He says he always invests five dollars at a time in the BAPTIST, and he is not afraid that our bank will break. Bro. Peters is going to read our paper, and he is glad that we have such a good print, so that it won't hurt his eyes. It does a poor scribe good to find such appreciative readers of our paper, and it encourages us to do all in our power to make it at least equal to the very best religious papers in the country.

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as fond of water as all good Baptists, and would not mind a heavy shower. It rained and kept raining all the way to Headland, a distance of sixteen miles. New houses, neat and substantial frame buildings, were seen all along the road. In fact, this is a new country and old houses are very rarely seen.

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Bro. W. B. Herring took us in charge and made his house our home. Sister H. has a large family to care for, but she finds time to exercise the grace of hospitality. The town is located on what might be almost termed a dead level. The location is very desirable for a town. Business seems to be good, and if a railroad comes through, there is a prospect of a large town. The lands are good, level, pine lands, tolerably productive, and they rarely suffer from droughts, as in other parts of the state. We walked out to Bro. Locke's, one mile and a half, and found him ready to give us a good hand shaking. He must have the BAPTIST, and wants us to get his son, who has been recently ordained, on our list. We assured him that we always went for a preacher with a vengeance, and that only one brother, so far, had escaped us, and we felt sure we could have gotten him had it not been for want of time and the inclemency of the weather. We don't carry a six shooter to bring them to terms, but we just sit down and tell them how the great Baptist preachers are moving things in this state, and how necessary they find the paper to help on the Master's cause. As soon as they see how matters stand, a lone some feeling creeps over them, and, with an inexpressible sweetness of voice, they tell us to put them down. Like the hound, keen of scent, we are on the lookout for these preachers. We have heard of another, and turned our harp for him. We got back to Headland and Bro. R. C. Granberry gave us a list of five names to work on for new subscribers. We got three of these and one more besides.

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Shall We Purchase in Havana a Building in Every Way Suited to Our Needs?

The Southern Baptist convention, at its last session in Richmond, Va., having declared that in Cuba "a crisis has been reached that seems imperatively to require an expenditure of over fifty thousand dollars, and that Southern Baptist churches be requested at once to raise that amount," the Home Mission Board, to the effect of every precaution demanded of Christian men in the execution of such a trust, desires to inform their brethren of the Baptist churches of the South that after careful investigation they have reached the conclusion that it is cheaper and better to buy a house of worship in Havana than to build. A large and handsome property built for a theatre in the city of Havana, situated on Dragones street, between Zuleta street and the Prado, covering entirely a lot fronting 120 feet on Dragones street and running back 150 feet on Zuleta street, having been offered to the board for sixty-five thousand dollars in three annual payments, the board favors the purchase of this property as a house of worship for the following reasons:

1. It is admirably adapted to the needs of our mission work; situated near the centre on the best built part of the city on the highest level of the plateau on which Havana is built; on a square adjoining its finest street and its handsomest park, on an extended line of street railway; substantially built of stone and stuccoed with Portland cement; handsomely furnished both within and without, well lighted, and finely ventilated, capable of seating three thousand people, with fine acoustic properties; it needs nothing but a baptistery to perfect its entire fitness for such a house of worship as is demanded by the wants of our mission work, and the board is instructed by the Southern Baptist convention to procure.

2. The purchase of this property will put us in immediate possession of a place of worship instead of having to wait two years to build one. It will at once give strength, permanency, and dignity to our mission work in Cuba and draw to us many of the influential and cultured classes. The two years wasted in building are at this stage of our mission work of incalculable value to our cause.

3. It is impossible to obtain another location so desirable, and the erection of a building of half its capacity in an inferior place would cost more than the price of this. It cost to build it one hundred and forty thousand dollars, and Bro. A. D. Adair, treasurer of our board, who has examined it carefully, says that this property in Atlanta would be now worth one hundred thousand dollars. Havana has three times the population of Atlanta.

4. There are upon the lot so connected with the elegant auditorium, built at the same time and constituting integral parts of the structure, that they cannot be sold apart from it, three dwellings and two stores (one small) which now yield an annual income of \$2,500 in gold. The income arising from the rent of these apartments, together with the profits of our cemetery, will, with the contributions of our people there, enable the board to build houses of worship and open cemeteries in Cuba wherever they may be needed, without asking the Baptists of the United States for a dollar for these purposes. Bro. Diaz assures the board of this, and we concur in his statement.

5. Assured as we are that this property is admirably adapted for a house of worship; that it is for us the best and cheapest property that can be bought or built in Havana, and that our Master deserves the best; that no interior offering ought to be made to him, who has done and is doing such wonderful things for us there, we confidently appeal to our brethren to supply the board with the fifty thousand dollars we need in addition to resources in hand to complete its purchase. The first payment must be made February 1st. It will require about ten days to transmit the funds to Havana and complete the transaction.

These are the facts, brethren, simply and carefully stated, and now for the funds. Let those who have made pledges send forward the amounts at once, and let those who have not pledged let us hear from them at their earliest convenience.

I. T. TICHENOK,
Cor. Secretary.

An Appeal for the Judson.

The writer is in receipt of an earnest appeal from Marion in behalf of the Judson Female Institute, whose classic walls are now a mass of molding ruins. I presented the appeal

to our people. It aroused their sympathies. We have appointed a committee of young ladies. Brother Brown, the Methodist pastor, also appointed a committee from his congregation to work with ours. They purpose arranging an extensive oyster supper at once, the proceeds of which will be given to help rebuild the walls of the old Judson. We hope to realize at least \$50. Now, are there not one hundred churches in the state that can and will fix on some plan of raising a nice sum for this worthy object? One hundred churches raising each \$50, we would have the large sum of \$50,000! I am informed that the brethren and friends at Marion are fully determined to do their full duty toward the work of rebuilding. Let us help them, brethren, and help them now, while their calamity falls upon us fresh and with so much force.

A. T. SIMS.

Georgiana, Ala.

Success—An Answer.

A young man once asked Baron Rothschild the secret of success, and the Baron looked him over with his keen black eyes and said: "I'd rather tell you the secret of failure. Why they fail seems to be the mystery with most young men. Here is the receipt: One hour a day with your newspaper; one hour a day with your cigarettes; one hour a day with your toilet, and, my word for it, the first position you obtain will be the best you ever will obtain." Three hours a day over and above your routine duties; with less than that Garfield became a classical scholar; with less than that Gladstone has made himself familiar with a dozen professions; with less than that Disraeli became a famous author; with less than that Mr. Arnold, a hurried newspaper man, has given the thought of the world a new impetus in his studies and writings upon the land of Asia; with less than that a thousand business men have become scholars, and a thousand scholars have conducted a business.

Resolutions of Springville Baptist Church.

Whereas, The angel of death has entered our church and borne from our midst one of our brightest lights in the person of our beloved brother, William P. Herring, We, the committee appointed to draft a memorial and resolutions, submit the following:

Bro. Herring, after a short illness departed this life on the 9th day of September, 1888, in the sixty-first year of his age, at his home near Springville. Very early in life he embraced religion and united with the Missionary Baptist church, in which he lived a consistent and devoted member until his death. For nearly eighteen years he had been a member of this church, in which relationship it was our delight to honor him with the offices of deacon and church clerk, in which capacity he served for many years prior to his death, the church usually submitting to and relying upon his judgment in the transaction of business matters. He loved his church and was at all times faithful to his obligations. He was especially faithful in the Sabbath-school, the weather rarely being too inclement to prevent him and his family from attendance. As a citizen and neighbor he was highly esteemed, being conservative, yet at all times firm in his convictions. He could not condone that which was wrong, but in all things endeavored to defend the right. He leaves a large family, consisting of a loving wife and seven dear children, to all of whom he was ever kind, affectionate and devoted, and always delighted to contribute to their welfare and happiness. He lived to see his entire family baptized into the church of his choice. Therefore, be it resolved,

1. That by the death of Bro. Herring the church has sustained a great loss, and at a time when his services and influence are much needed, that the Sabbath-school has lost a faithful member and the community a good and upright citizen.

2. That we tender to his family our deepest sympathies in this, their sad bereavement; yet there is a higher source of consolation than earthly condolence, to which we commend them.

3. That we humbly submit to this dispensation of God's providence, praying him to sustain the church in her loss and to support the family by his grace in the time of their great affliction.

4. That the clerk of this church be requested to present the family with a copy of this memorial and resolutions, and that the same be spread on the minutes of the church.

G. M. TUSE,
A. M. MCCLENDON,
M. L. INZER,
Committee.

Alabama Baptist.

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THE Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons held their annual session in this city last week.

MAJ. HARRIS has been presented with a silver water service as a token of esteem, given by his Masonic brethren.

THE Religious Herald reports Dr. A. S. Goodwin as saying, "My idea of heaven is that it is a great Baptist association."

BEING in Marion and Birmingham last week, we missed seeing many of our Masonic and other friends who were in the city.

JOHN NEWTON'S answer to those who were puzzled to know the origin of evil, was, "I observe there is an evil, and that there is a way to escape it, and with this I begin and end."

ANOTHER new church has been formed in Canada by the union of "a handful of ex-Freewill Baptists and ex-Methodists. Instantaneous and entire sanctification is the leading tenet in their make up."

OUR editorial room will continue to be above Cheatham's tin factory, No. 17 Perry street, but our printing office and business office for the job printing business will be in 20 1/2 Dexter Ave. Come to see us.

WE were mistaken last week in saying that a brother of Mobile had given \$10,000 to the Judson. He has given \$1,000, and will no doubt see that this college gets ten or fifteen thousand dollars more from Mobile.

THE legislators of Verm. have said No on the woman suffrage question. A bill looking to that end was so badly defeated that our good sisters will no doubt keep quiet, and learn of their husbands for some years yet.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND seems to be successful in his private business as much as in his public enterprises. He bought a home near Washington, paying therefor \$26,000, and it is reported that he has been recently offered \$100,000 for it.

It is with much pleasure that we note the kindly expressions coming to us regarding Bro. Plaster and his work. The board have engaged the services of an admirable man, and we honor and love him for his genuine worth. He will do good service for the board.

MAJOR PENN'S meetings all result in large additions to Baptist churches.

In his meeting at Fayetteville there were one hundred professions and fifty-four additions to the Baptist church. We have heard him preach, and can testify that he preaches a "whole gospel."

THE man who wrote these words penned a truth that ought to be grasped by every parent: "The woman who gives herself to the pursuit of a college education obtains it as much better fitted to perform her share of the work of the world, in her own sphere, as is a man who has undergone like discipline."

BROTHER, just now you are wondering what good is being accomplished by all this expenditure of money for mission and education and the other interests that demand our money and our time. To obey is ours, to bless and bring about results is God's work. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of lambs."

THE Recorder says, "God gives us nothing we can gain for ourselves." God gives a preacher a converted heart, but the preacher must work to fill his mind with the truths of God's Word; he must study to show himself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, &c. The days of believing in "the funnel in the head" doctrine have passed.

THE friends of the Judson will read the article of the president of the Alumnae Society in this issue. It is addressed to all who have, at one period or another, shared the advantages of this grand old school. The noble women of the Alumnae will do their part without a doubt, and will be no small factor in rebuilding the Judson. All honor and much success to them in their work.

THE Alabama Churchman (Episcopal) makes a good comment on "struggling" churches: "We still read of struggling churches. We have yet to make the acquaintance of a church that is struggling. If they only would struggle the blessing would soon come." There is much food for thought in this comment. Our churches are tamely submitting to a lethargy of which they are dying.

OUR brothers of the Western Recorder advertised for a few copies of that paper of a certain issue, offering to pay therefor 25 cents. For the past two or three weeks the papers have continued to come by the armful and notes accompanying, asking for a credit of 50 cents on subscriptions. Seeing this speculative disposition, the editors, in dismay, cry, Hold! enough! What a happy time news paper men would have, if parties in subscribing could realize the worth of our paper as much as when they wish to sell.

HARPER'S Weekly takes the position that the republicans are pledged to continue in the line of civil service reform. This journal shames the republicans who would, so soon as Mr. Harrison is seated, drive out every Democratic office holder and put in men of their kind. It thinks they can as well afford to throw overboard their tariff plank as this one. We are gratified to see a paper of so high a character cry out against the spoils system.

Until our presidents and others in power shall look more to capability than to party ties we must wait for much growth in higher ideas of citizenship.

THE following note was received just after we had gone to press last week, dated Dec. 3rd. The same spirit that possesses this grand man seems to live in the minds and hearts of the friends of the Judson all over the state. Dr. Averett writes: "Our daily routine was resumed promptly at the appointed hour to-day. The teachers and scholars are earnestly at work. The heartiness with which they have entered upon the labors of the session reminds me of the spirit I have often seen manifested by the officers and crew of a well disciplined ship when placed under sailing orders after a long stay in port. We are all well, busy and happy."

THE assembling of the teachers, pupils and friends of the Judson in the chapel of the King House for the first time was a tender occasion. Everybody was so grateful that while the college was burned, not a single pupil was injured. Various ones were asked to make remarks. At length Bro. W. T. Smith, of Birmingham, was requested to speak. He told the audience that they knew he was not a speaker, but he would make them a short talk. He was at Birmingham when he heard of the burning, and it made him so glad. Once before in his life he had been as glad, and that was when he and his father were at work not far from his mill, and suddenly his father cried, "Tom!" His first thought was that one of his children had fallen in the well, and he was so much rejoiced to see that it was only the mill on fire. When he heard that the Judson was burned he was overwhelmed with grief, but so soon as he learned that nobody was hurt, he was happy. The world of orators is challenged to produce a finer speech than that.

WE have received quite a lengthy circular from the publishers of Kind Words, in which they denounce the publications of the Sunday-school literature of the American Baptist Publication Society as the teachers of heresy. The charges are, that these papers have taught: 1. Campbellism; 2. Arminianism; 3. Universalism; 4. Unsound views of inspiration; 5. The Andover theology, of probation between death and the final judgment. Specimens from different papers are given to prove the assertions to be true. So far as the criticisms are concerned, that is the duty of Kind Words, indeed of every editor, preacher and Sabbath school superintendent, but to attempt to break down this Society is not just the thing, as we see it. If Dr. Stiller is the author of this false teaching, the Society should get rid of his services. Criticism may and will correct the evil, but nothing can afford to cripple the work of this great engine for good.

A DESERVED COMPLIMENT.

At the late annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons for Alabama, held in Montgomery, that body presented to Maj. Harris, Past Grand Master, a magnificent imported silver service. It is one of the most beautiful and elegant ever brought to the city. In Grand Master Greene's presentation speech he spoke in the very highest praise of the services rendered the craft by Maj. Harris during his two terms as Grand Master. There is no questioning the fact that Maj. Harris has, in word, deed, and act, used his every effort to place the order on the very highest moral plane. His speeches and addresses have teemed with denunciations of wrong and the encouragement of right, and his fruits are seen and felt wherever he has delivered them. The compliment in presenting him with such a handsome testimonial of appreciation is justly deserved. We congratulate our brother Harris in being the honored recipient.

HOWARD COLLEGE.

Being called to Birmingham last Thursday, we were fortunate enough to meet Bro. Wood, the senior member of the board of trustees of Howard College. He informed us that the work of laying the foundations for the main building was about completed. He is very busy arranging the money matters so that no delay in erecting the body of the college shall occur. If all the parties in and around Birmingham who have made pledges would but prompt in meeting them this month, matters would be helped some. Of course they intend meeting their promises, but hate just now to sell any of their property for that purpose. If all the trustees and friends about Birmingham would show the interest in the college that Bro. Wood is taking it would go a long way toward making us all happy.

The students, except Bro. S. P. Lindsay, are all in splendid health. This brother is just recovering from a serious spell of pneumonia.

Four new boys came in the past week. Let them continue; still there is room.

MOBILIZATION IN BIRMINGHAM.

Birmingham has been stirred to her center by the finding of a dead child in the lake at East Lake. The child was identified as May Hawes, a little girl about eight years old. Her father, who was on Wednesday last married to a young lady of Columbus, Miss., was arrested the same evening while passing through Birmingham on his bridal tour, and thrown in jail, accused of the murder. The closest investigation was had for several days, seeking to find just who was the guilty one. The wife and another child were also missing. Every place that could in any way be thought to conceal their dead bodies was searched. Excitement grew higher each day. Beyond a doubt it was proven that the father murdered his daughter, but what of the mother and the other child. Saturday evening late the body of Mrs. Hawes was found in the bottom of Lake View, weighted with pieces of iron. Her head was crushed. This was too much for the blood thirsty mob; they determined to have the prisoner. The sheriff, with one hundred and fifty armed men, took charge of the jail. The mass moved nearer and nearer towards the jail, yelling and hooting. The sheriff repeatedly warned them not to approach, as they would be killed. The threats but maddened them the more, until they had crossed the bourne from whence several returned only as dead or wounded men. None of the officers were hurt, but nine men were killed and twenty or more wounded. The military from Montgomery, Tuscaloosa, Anniston, Greenville and Opelika were called to the scene of trouble, and at this writing, Tuesday noon, everything is quiet, and it is thought the law will be allowed to take its course. This was a terrible expedient for officers of the law to be compelled to resort to, but it will prove healthful in suppressing mob law. The law must be held supreme by every citizen. The sheriff is under arrest, charged with murder, and will be tried on the 20th of this month.

ACTION OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE JUDSON INSTITUTE.

Through the courtesy of the board of trustees, we were allowed to be present during their session on the 4th inst., in Marion. Earnestly every member of that band had been praying God for direction in this critical time. Judge Moore, in opening the meeting, begged each brother present to plead for the Spirit's presence and help. Dr. Frost led the devotion.

The entire subject was thoroughly discussed, so that intelligent action could be had. Unanimously it was determined to rebuild the Judson on the old site, but to erect a better building, with all modern conveniences. While each member was ambitious to see a hundred thousand dollar college go up, yet it was deemed wisest to undertake nothing greater than a building to cost \$60,000. The Baptists and other friends of Alabama are asked to contribute only \$30,000 to this purpose.

On the night of the 4th a few of the citizens of Marion gathered with the trustees in a meeting, at which time \$10,020 were pledged towards meeting the \$30,000 asked for. It was not generally known that the citizens of Marion would be expected to attend this meeting, or there would have been a much larger number present. All day brethren prayed that liberal things might be done that night, that Marion, with her visiting trustees, might pitch the key for a song in whose melody all our people would gladly join. The Lord was with us. He had laid this interest on the heart of Bro. Thomas Smith, of Birmingham, so that with a noble impulse he led in the giving, and brethren Fitzgerald, Marbury, Wilkerson, Shivers, Wright, and others, followed, doing their best. It was a happy hour when the announcement was made that more than \$10,000 were pledged. Dr. Frost said the burning may not be such a calamity as we suppose. Another generation built the Judson, and God wants this generation to do something. There is a thought in that sentence worthy of preservation.

It would have done your heart good to see what deep interest all Marion feels in the Judson. This school has grown into every affection of the people. Its hallowed influence has from year to year blessed the society of Marion, and Marion has kindly watched over and prayed for the school, so that they are "one and inseparable."

Such attachments have been formed between the girls and their hostesses of the past week that each seemed sorry that the time had come to part.

The King House is a large hotel, which is admirably arranged for this emergency. The rooms in the third story are used as recitation, music and art rooms, while those of the second floor are occupied for boarding purposes. Men and women alike worked in cleaning the rooms. Parents need have no fear that their girls will be uncomfortable, for every precaution necessary for their health will be taken. True, they will miss the beautiful lawn around the old Judson, but outdoor exercise will be given each day, besides the systematic practice of suitable indoor gymnastics.

The smoldering ruins of the dear old college were saddening to gaze upon, but the sacred memories of past years, and the hopes for the future inspire us to leave no stone unturned until another Judson, more beautiful than the old, shall rise above the present wreck, and until her rooms are filled with our daughters. Work will be begun on our new building so soon as the insurance of \$25,000 is adjusted. Meanwhile our readers are asked to contribute what they can towards raising \$20,000 more. Give what you can, if it is only one dollar, but if you can give \$5, \$10, or \$100, don't be content to give only \$1.

REV. C. O. BOOTH.

Rev. C. O. Booth has been appointed corresponding secretary of the colored Baptist state convention, and has entered upon his work of organizing the colored people into the various interests fostered by the denomination. He is a diligent, earnest brother, and is desirous of increasing the missionary spirit among his people. At present his main work is to organize for the future, and the expenses incurred to enable him to prosecute his labors are necessarily large. To meet these expenses he has a limited amount, very small indeed, with which to conduct his work. Not until his work is thoroughly organized can he hope to realize enough from his own people to pay the necessary expenses. Those who can do so, should forward their contributions to Bro. W. B. Crumpton, at Marion, Ala., who will send same to Wm. Watkins, treasurer, Montgomery, Ala. Let our people assist the colored brethren all they can, and let their contributions be made as early as possible.

Bro. W. M. Webb has a good school at Perdue Hill, and the attendance is increasing every month. He is trying to establish a good library for the school.

MEN FOR SPECIAL EMERGENCIES.

Through all the ages it has been God's plan to bring-forward a man or woman to meet an emergency. Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Esther, and hundreds of others, whose names gild the pages of history, prove this. Studying the circumstances of the lives of these parties, we see they had gone through a preparation before taking hold of the work. We believe that God still moves along the same lines. As we see the devotion of Bro. W. T. Smith to the Judson Institute, in this hour of her humiliation, and look back over his career, we can but believe that God has raised him up for this time. A few years ago he was only a poor young mechanic, with scarcely any education, battling with the world for a competency, yea, for a living. Industrious, sober, economical and honest, he found that God's blessings were with him, and by the time he had reached mature manhood he was well to do in the world. As his business and his income increased, his liberality also grew larger. The heart of the widow, the fatherless, and the poor, have often been made to sing for joy by his deeds of kindness, acts known only to them and to God. Last year his health gave way and he retired from active business. Through the past few years he has seen the noble work done by the Judson Institute; he has learned to love her as the nursing mother of his daughter and of the daughters of his fellow men, and now his great heart says, "She must not die! she shall not die!" and suiting his actions to his words he has begun giving his money. Already he has given about \$3,000, and he is saying to his brethren, "Come on." Such a grand hearted brother as he is stepping into the breach at this momentous time, and leading the way, will surely inspire others to help him until the glorious work shall be completed. Thank God for such a leader! No wonder Bro. Falkner can say, "I would as soon he would have the money as myself, for he knows so well how to use it."

FIELD NOTES.

Bro. W. M. Kidd, of Childersburg, has our thanks for the words of encouragement he gives.

After Christmas Dr. Henderson will begin to enrich our columns with his sketches of "Our worthy dead."

The new heater of the Adams Street church has been put in, and adds greatly to the comfort of the people at this season.

Some good brother or sister, too modest, perhaps, to give a name, sends us eight renewals from Harris and Mt. Andrew. Thanks.

The Birmingham ministerial association, of which Dr. Purser is president, will meet monthly after Jan. 1st, instead of weekly as heretofore.

Rev. S. M. Adams, member of the legislature from Bibb county, preached at Adams Street church on last Sabbath night, to a good congregation.

Bro. Hale is making fine headway at Southside church. Everybody speaks highly of the management of the Howard.—P. S. M., Birmingham.

Bro. A. Andrews, of Burnsville, will never grow too old to do a kind act. He has the paper sent to another widow, who will appreciate this token of esteem.

Our thanks are extended Bro. W. R. Ivey for an invitation to attend the Annual Debate of the Franklin Society of Howard College, on Friday evening, Dec. 7th. Too busy to go.

I see in the report from the South-eastern association that I sold 400 books and pamphlets. It should have been \$4.00 worth of books and pamphlets. I don't want credit for more than 100.—H. R. Schramm.

Bro. Ed. Richardson, who came as a representative from Franklin county, was declared, after an investigation, ineligible because for some months prior to his election he had lived in Lawrence county. He returned home to make another race.

The proceeds of the "oyster supper," given by the Ladies' Aid Society of Woodlawn Baptist church, will be used in purchasing a baptismal suit and fitting up a study for our pastor. Woodlawn is certainly on a building boom.—F. M. W., Woodlawn, Dec. 7.

Sister J. A. Glenn, of Piedmont, sends us kind words along with her renewal. She is sixty-five years of age, yet loves to read, and takes lively interest in all our denominational enterprises. She thinks it strange how anybody will do without the paper.

Dr. D. I. Purser is working hard in his practical way of doing things, and success, no doubt, is sure. His sermon on the first Sabbath was well adapted to the wants of the people. Two were received in the morning and five at night.—P. S. Montgomery, Birmingham.

I came to this delightful place on a visit. The church and I seem to have fallen in love. I don't know exactly who did most of the courting. You know each one always says the other did it; but we are married. Correspondents will take notice, and

address me at Evergreen, instead of Birmingham.—Jno. W. Stewart, Evergreen.

Wednesday, the 5th of December, witnessed the happy marriage of Rev. Hartwell R. Moseley, formerly of Greenville, S. C., now of Satillo, Mexico, to Miss Etta Oliphant, daughter of Dr. S. R. Oliphant, of Mobile, Ala. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. L. Ora Dawson, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. May the smiles of a loving Father attend their journey through life.

The smiling face of Bro. Ora Dawson peeped into our sanctum last Friday. He was just from Mobile, where he tied the nuptial knot for Bro. Moseley and bride. His sorrow for the Judson in her calamity drew him by Marion. He gazed with a sad heart upon the smoking ruins awhile, and then advised with the members of the Alumnae Society as to the best means of rebuilding the college.

Closed on last Sunday night, Dec. 2nd, a very interesting meeting at Irvin mission, Stone street, Mobile, Ala. We had a good attendance, and several arose for prayer; two made a public profession and will join St. Francis Street Baptist church. This mission is fostered by St. Francis Street Baptist church. We are endeavoring to build us a chapel. Pray for us, that the Lord may bless us.—H. R. Schramm, Mobile.

Dr. J. R. Graves thrilled large audiences here for five days last week. His profound Scriptural scholarship, his graphic tongue pictures, his well defined views, resistless logic, and strong Baptist convictions, made lasting impressions for good upon the church and community. Long will his visit be remembered. One hundred years hence his will be among the brightest names that will shine in the Baptist galaxy.—G. S. A., Ft. Deposit, Dec. 6th.

I was glad to learn through the Baptist that Bro. W. M. Burr, of Adairville, Ky., had been called to Columbia, Ala. I am glad to welcome him to my adopted State. I do not wish to deprive old Kentucky of her noble son, but Bro. Burr and myself having been born in less than ten miles of the same spot, and having been with him in his religious conversion, having been pastor of the church at which he was a member where he was ordained, and where he commenced his ministry, I welcome him as my son in the ministry, and as a Christian gentleman and scholar.—F. C. Plaster, Ft. Deposit.

The Judson Burned.

I was at East Lake when the startling announcement was made. The tears in the eyes of the men and women there, and the kind and generous words spoken, showed that they felt keenly the loss. Since I could not be at home to help at the fire, I was glad to be there to see their devotion to the Judson.

One brother said, "When you return to Marion, tell the brethren there not to be satisfied with less than a \$100,000 building, and if they will at tempt it I will give \$5,000." And all the people with whom I conversed talked as if they would heartily join in the work of rebuilding.

One of the most sensible and pious remarks I have heard was from a brother at East Lake. Said he: "It is hard to interpret God's ways, but I believe this is God's plan for uniting his people." Brethren, I believe it. We have had enough to bring us to his feet in the last few years. Now, stripped of everything, both of our schools without homes, surely we can't afford longer to be divided. We must put forth our united effort and give our money to our schools. The greatest reason for our lack of interest in the Judson and Howard in the past is found in the fact that we haven't given any money to them in a long while. Now the opportunity is given and the burden is upon us. May God help us to do our duty.

JUDSON INCIDENTS.

While the board of trustees were earnestly discussing the question of continuing the session, and casting about for a temporary home, Dr. Averett reported from the teachers that they had resolved to stand by the Judson and risk getting their salaries. This action of the teachers, and the loyalty of the brave hearted girls, together with the messages from the lesses of the King House, cheerfully surrendering its use for school purposes till July, were an inspiration to the trustees in a trying hour.

A good brother, visiting our town at the time, insured us to draw on him for the rent of the building each month. He paid for all the carpets in the hotel, and rented the furniture in ten rooms of the building; not only that, but before he left he had plans drawn for the new building. His action, so noble, so generous and prompt, inspired all our people with confidence. His coming was like the visit of an angel to a distressed people. But for his modesty I would report his name.

A BEGINNING.

"The Sunday-school Workers of Siloam Church," a band of girls under the lead of Miss Amie Vary, had a supper the night before the fire, to raise money to buy them an organ. The morning after the fire Dr. Averett received a letter from them, making the first contribution to the work of rebuilding the Judson. Won't the girls' societies and the women's aid societies help us in the great work?

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HAPPY HOMES

among the citizens of Marion. A happier set of girls I have never seen, and I believe every one of them will stay to the end of the session. By the beginning of the next session I am quite sure we will have another and grander Judson than that which we have lost.

By request of the board I have written about six hundred letters to friends and acquaintances, asking for help to rebuild. I now publicly beg the brethren who received those letters to act promptly and send us liberal contributions, as their circumstances will allow. Send to J. B. Lovelace, treasurer. If sent to me, I will turn it over to him and send his receipt.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

Judson Institute.

A Patron Who Has Investigated the New Arrangements.

To the Age Herald:—

Please permit me, through the columns of your valuable paper, to give to those who may be interested in the Judson, a few facts worthy of notice.

After the sad intelligence of the destruction of the Judson reached us, I took the first train to Marion, and after stopping over at Akron, reached Marion Monday morning between 9 and ten o'clock. After the destruction of the Judson I did not see how arrangements could be made so the girls could all be kept together, and under the restraints of the faculty as heretofore. It was my purpose, therefore, to view all the surroundings, learn all the particulars, and in case satisfactory arrangements could not be made, bring my daughter home. I met several gentlemen who had come to Marion for the same purpose.

On reaching Marion we found the trustees hard at work trying to make some arrangements, but I, for one, was unable to learn what they expected or hoped to do. They did not keep us long in suspense, as they worked like magic, and in a short time we learned they had secured a large brick building. Afterwards we were shown through the building, and one of our party was heard to exclaim: "Well, I declare; it seems as if this building was built in anticipation of the fire, and our present emergency." I must say, I was most agreeably surprised to see how well adapted the new quarters were for the purpose for which they were to be used. The dining room is very large; so is the room that is to be used as a chapel, and probably for a study hall also. This room, I suppose, is about sixty by seventy or seventy-five feet. I did not measure the room, but it looks fully as large as the one at Mary Sharp college, which is large enough to accommodate 300 persons, and is being used as a chapel and study room. The bed rooms are conveniently arranged and well ventilated. I noticed particularly the avenues of escape in case of fire, and am perfectly satisfied on that point. There are numerous ways and the stairs are wide enough to permit several to walk abreast. Taking in the whole situation, I am well pleased; so were the other gentlemen who had come for

the same purpose that had brought me. We all returned home leaving our daughters well provided for and as happy as they could be.

Now, a few words in regard to the faculty: When the building was found to be on fire, which, I learn, was first discovered by the old colored man who has been at the Judson for a great many years and is much beloved by all who know him, Prof. Averett and all the faculty, forgetful of their own personal effects, began to try to save the building, assisted by the community, both white and black, but it was soon found there was no hope of saving it.

The next thing was to see all the girls safely out of the reach of the flames, after which the work began to save the furniture of the building and the trunks, etc., belonging to the pupils. In the meantime the faculty seemed to give no thought to the saving of their own effects, and I learned from outsiders that they suffered a much greater loss than any of the pupils. After the work of saving all that could be saved was over, the next thing was to provide homes for the homeless, and just here I am sorry I have not the words at my command to speak in praise of the good people of Marion as they should be spoken of. I can only say they did all that was necessary. God bless them, they will never be forgotten. Before night the girls all had good comfortable homes assigned them.

Now, in conclusion, permit me to say a few words to the patrons of the beloved Judson. Now is the time for us to rally around her standard. We have a faculty that has been tried by fire and have come out unharmed; they have proven themselves worthy of the trust reposed in them, and are now prepared to take care of over two hundred young ladies. Let us rise up, and one and all send our girls to the Judson. If you have been holding back from any cause whatever, let that cause now be removed and act promptly. Send your girls and they will be properly taught and cared for, and prove a blessing to you in after years.

May the blessings of God ever attend the Judson. W. T. SMITH.

Birmingham, Nov. 29th.

WANTED: District Managers for a profitable business. All time not necessary, but preferred. Small capital (controlled by himself) and best references required. Address, R. H. Woodward & Co., Baltimore, Md.

Pastors' Conference.

The Baptist Pastors' Conference met at 10:30 o'clock a. m., November 26, 1888. Opened with prayer by Dr. Purser. Reports from pastors were then called. Dr. Purser reported good and profitable services, large congregations both morning and night. Sunday-school, 164 in attendance. Funeral service at 2 p. m.

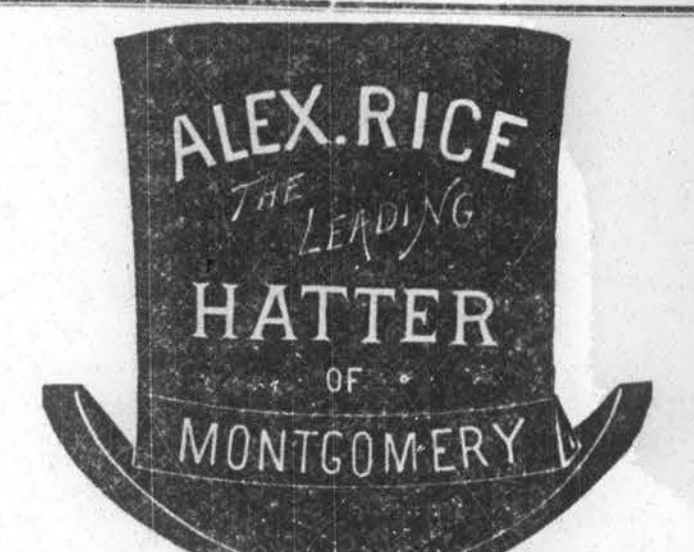
Wood Lawn—Pastor Adams preached in the morning and Prof. Giles at night. Good meetings. Sunday-school 110.

South Side—Dr. Hale conducted both morning and evening service. At night the congregation was unusually large. Three additions by letter. Sunday-school, 142.

Pratt Mines—Bro. Adams preached at night.

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